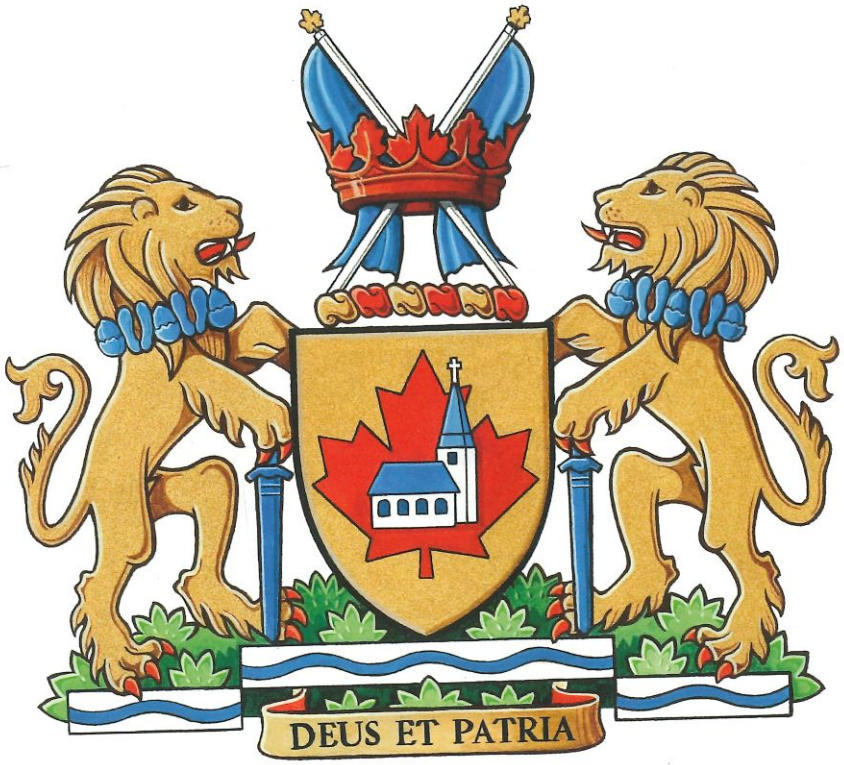

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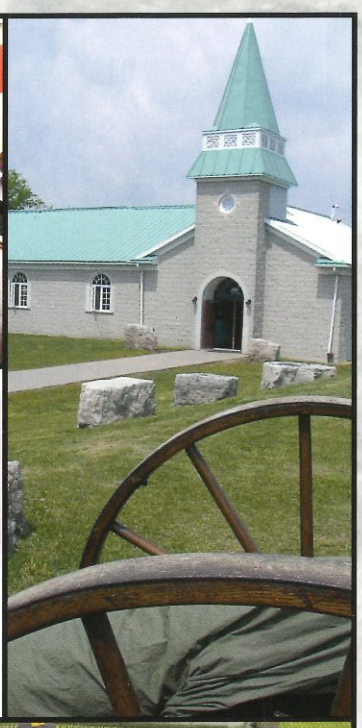
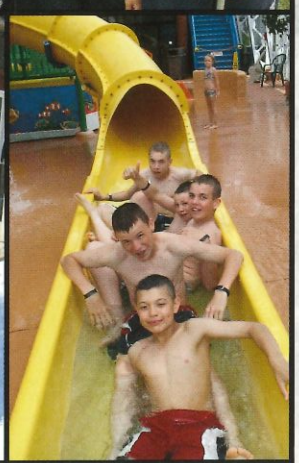




A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

G.S. Bowman
Lieutenant Colonel (Honorary)

As I am writing this I am reminded of how quickly the years pass, individually and collectively. It seems only a short while ago our graduates were starting their senior year credits and we were welcoming our friends from the New Mexico National Guard and Oak Ridge Academy on the Fall Exercise. Now we are at the year's end and proclaim, once again, that all of our graduates have earned acceptance to their choice of college or university.

Concurrently, I look back over the past twenty-nine years of the Academy and the many changes that our cadets have undergone and the exciting things they have undertaken subsequently. Their names frequent every profession and trade. We are proud of our many young men who have served our country in uniform, and are especially proud of those that have done so recently in Afghanistan. I know there are a number of Academy alumni presently serving in various units including the elite JTF-2. We wish them all well and pray for their safe return.

We look forward to the coming year as it marks the thirtieth anniversary of Robert Land Academy. Celebration plans are under way and we anticipate seeing alumni and old friends throughout the year. In September, our athletic facility will undergo a major face lift and expansion which will contribute greatly to the fitness and health programme, as well as to the aesthetics of the campus.

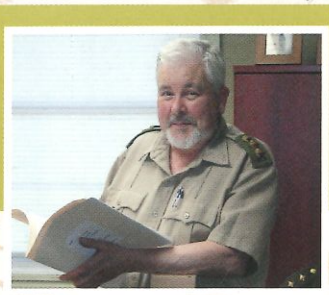
As always, my comments would be unworthy without recognition of our faculty and staff who continue to work at a fevered pitch on behalf of our boys and their futures. Their contribution has again this year been truly outstanding.

Thank you, and best wishes to all.

G.S. Bowman
Lieutenant Colonel (Honorary)
Founder & Headmaster

A Message from the Dean of Studies

Dr. David B. Harley



ON THE IMPORTANCE OF ENDURANCE

In an age of instant gratification where everything is expected now and nobody wants to wait for anything, it is difficult to promote the importance of patience and effort as tools to success and self-satisfaction. Benjamin Franklin said that "Little strokes, fell great oaks" and so expressed the age old principle that all progress is made in small steps. It is precisely because of the fact that progress takes place over an extended period of time that patience is so essential an underlying factor of its possibility. This has been expressed in more contemporary terms with the equation of success as "S" equals "E" over "T", where success equals effort over time. As you look back over the time that you have been at Robert Land Academy, perhaps you can identify the small steps that you took.

When you came to your interview at Robert Land, we were looking at you not in terms of what you had accomplished but in terms of what you could accomplish with the right training in the right environment. As you are about to graduate, you are no longer the same person that you were at your interview. By providing you with a structured environment, personal standards, and clear consequences, you responded to challenge with growth and success. That persistence which has formed the basis of your accomplishments has been stimulated and assisted. However, now that you know what you can accomplish, it is time to incorporate those lessons fully in order that you can continue your successes beyond the Academy and throughout your adult life.

For those of us who have spent many years in education, we can think of numerous examples of great individual successes. However, the most striking impression that persists is one of wasted opportunities, talents and abilities. Many mature years are spent with a backdrop sentiment of "If only I knew then what I know now". Nobody gets through life without some regrets, and some never get through life because of them.

One time President of the United States, Calvin Coolidge put it this way: "PRESS ON. Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; rewarded genius is a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent." You gentleman all possess an incredible stubbornness. As a personal quality this can be very important either in a highly constructive or destructive manner; for if correctly channeled it becomes the basis of persistence and determination that can be directed towards your personal goals and success.

Be stubborn and pursue your goals relentlessly. Be patient in realizing that growth, change and progress take place over time. Each small stroke is one less required step to felling the oak. Good luck to you, graduates of 2008, as you enter the forest axe in hand.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. David B. Harley
B.A. Hons., M.A., M.A. (McMaster), Ph.D. (Toronto)
Dean of Studies

$$\frac{\text{EFFORT}}{\text{TIME}} = \text{SUCCESS}$$

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Captain G. Bowman
Company Commander

MWO I. Davidson
Company Sergeant Major

Grade 6

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Calvin Lee
Kyle Tebbs
Jonathan Wilson

Joshua Zhang

Grade 7

Lukas Arnold
Shelby Goose
Stephen Halsey

James Hearnden
Adrian Ibarguen
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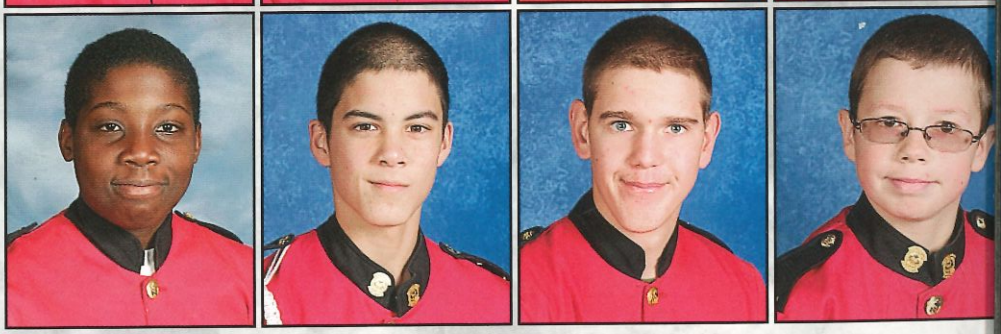

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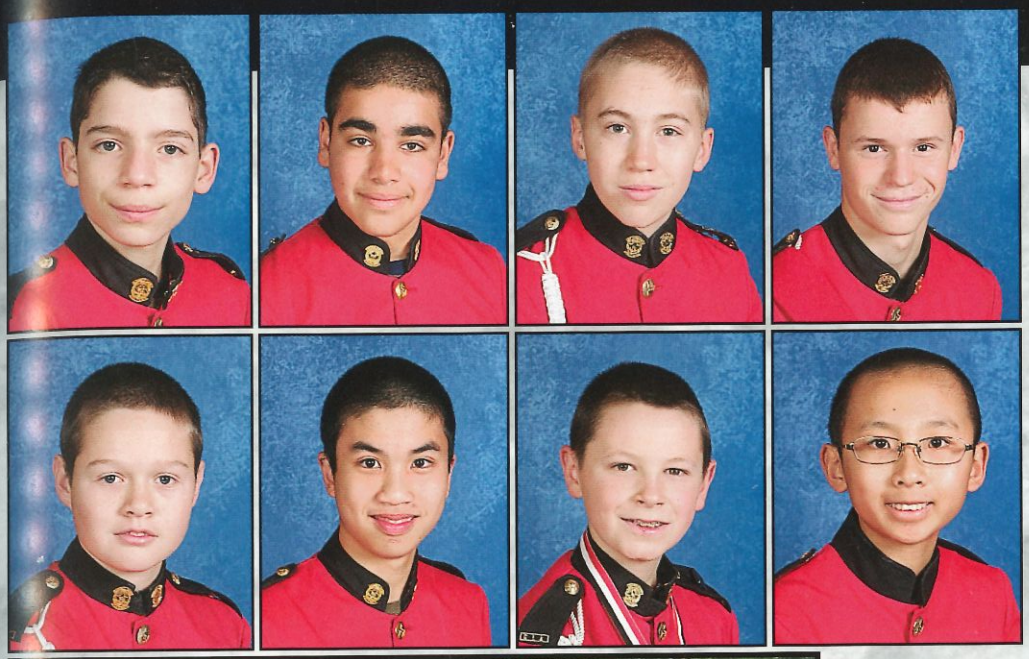

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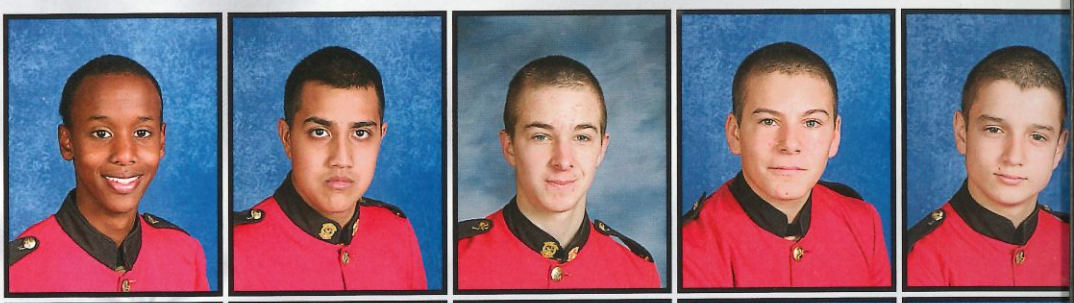

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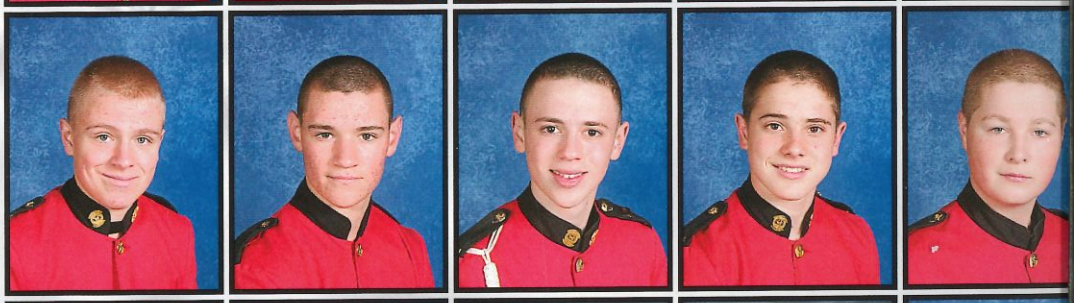

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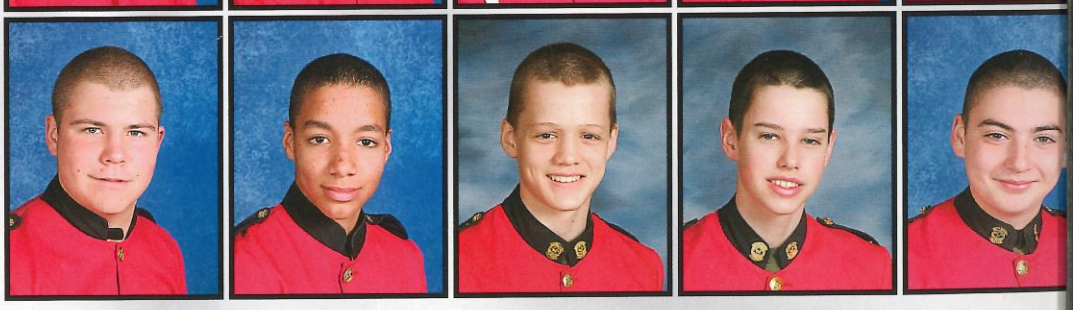

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Luke Imbleau
Maxim Jmakin
Matthew Kerns
Tyler L'Esperance

Sean McCarthy
Matthew McLaren
Tomas Podhora
Michael Scola
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Tyler Smith
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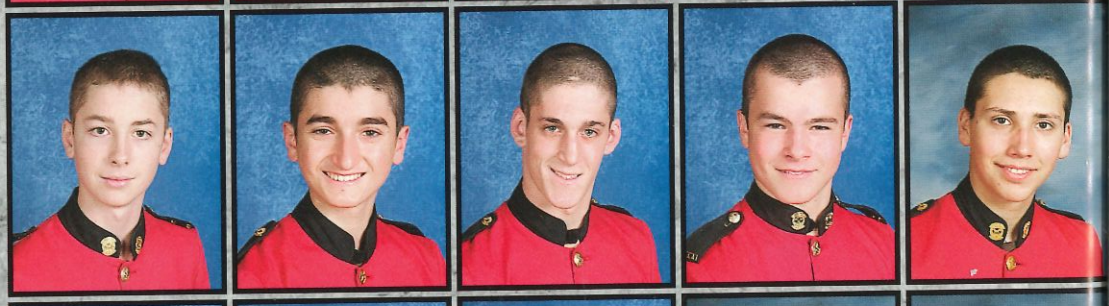

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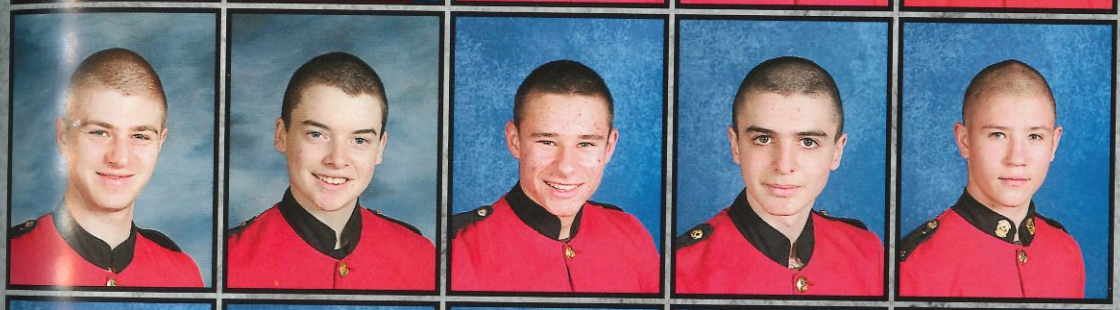

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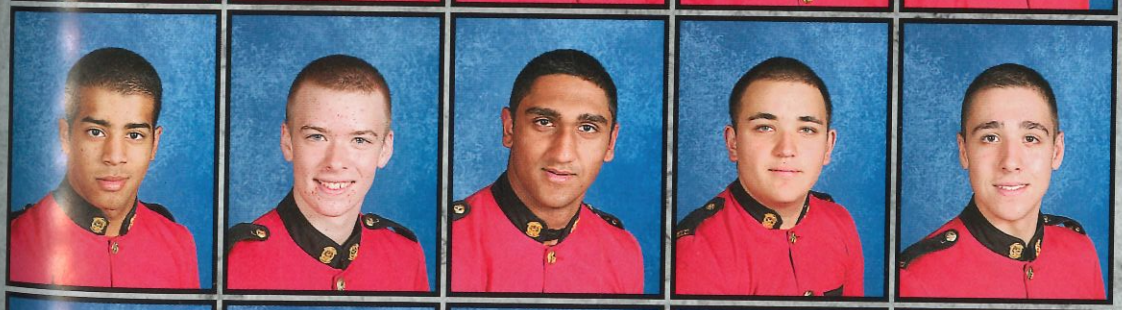

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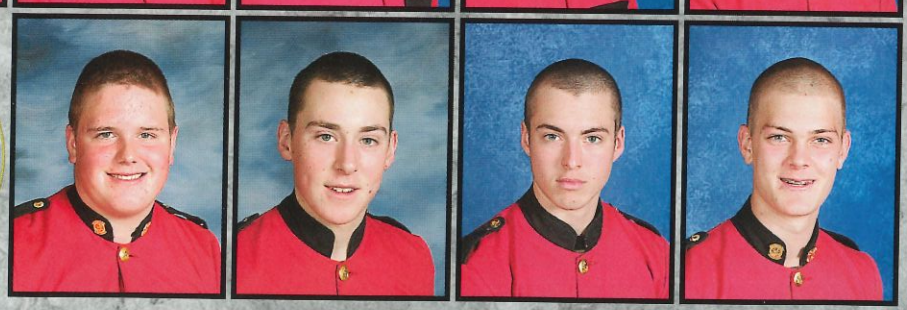

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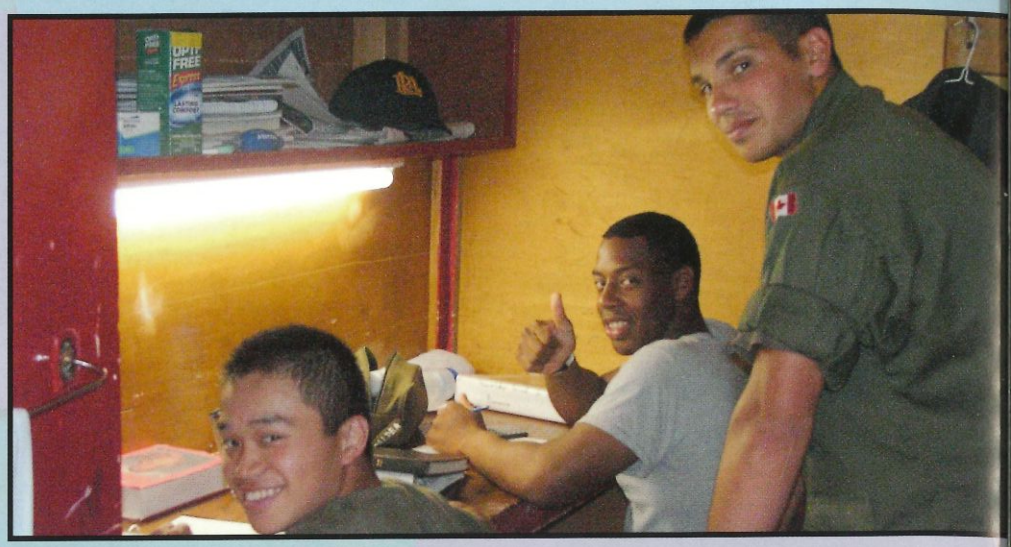

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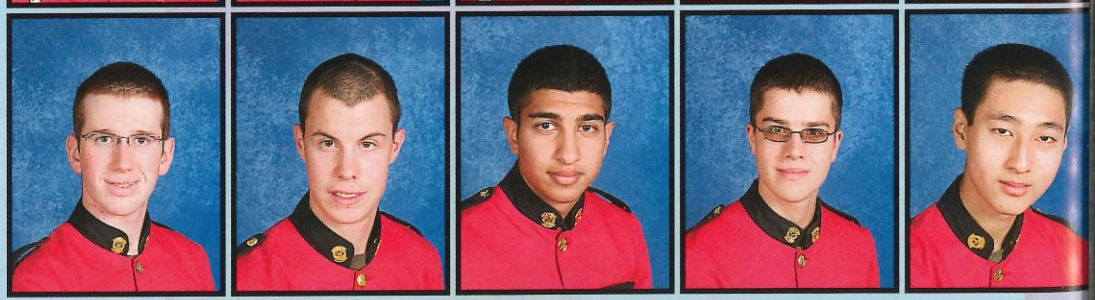

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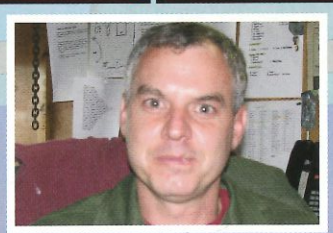

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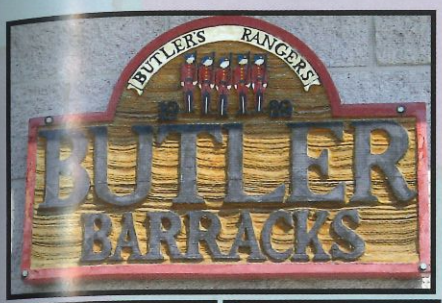

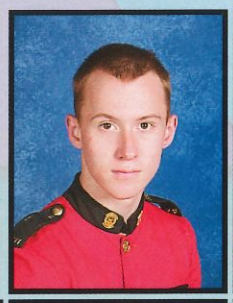

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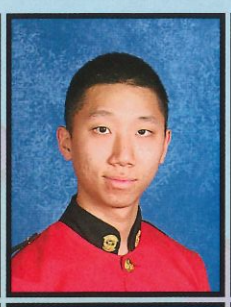

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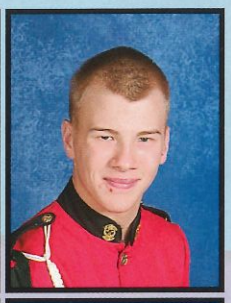

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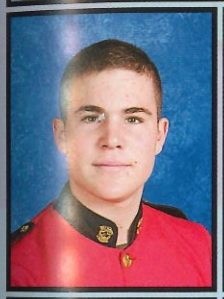

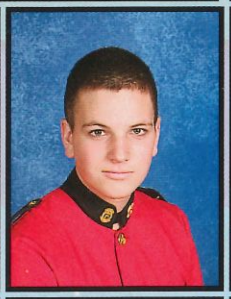

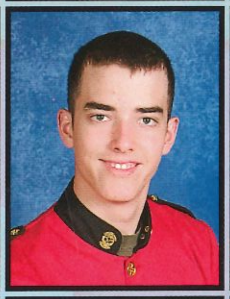

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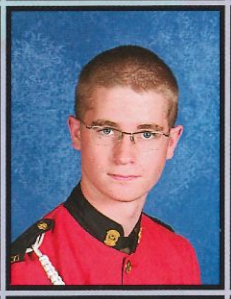

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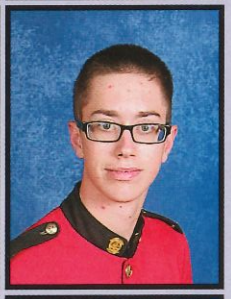

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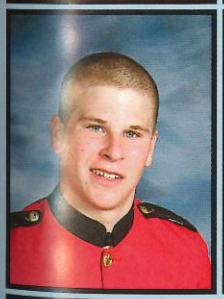

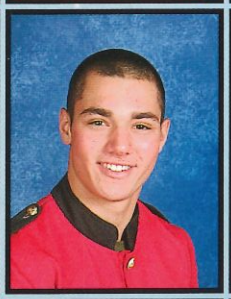

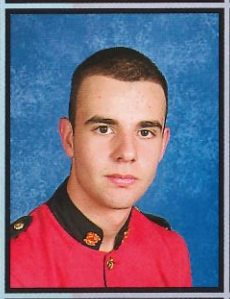

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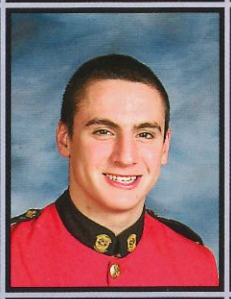

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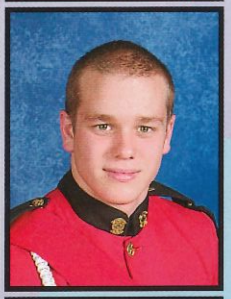

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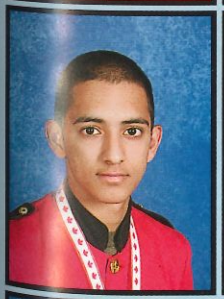

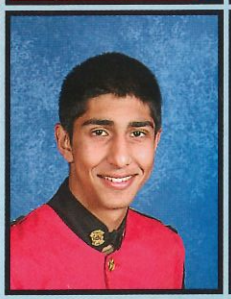

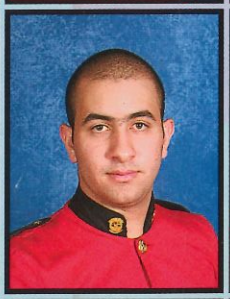

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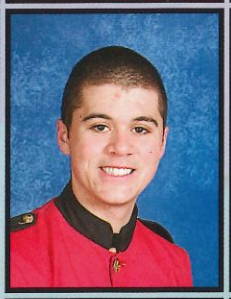

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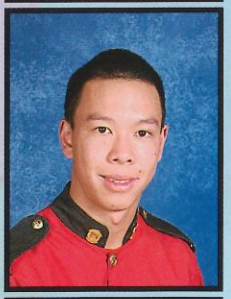

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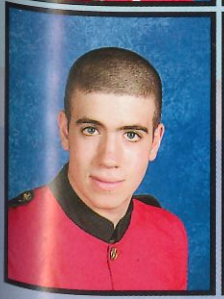

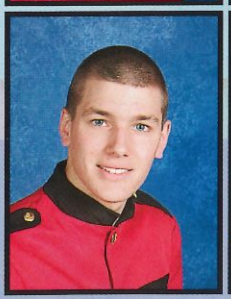

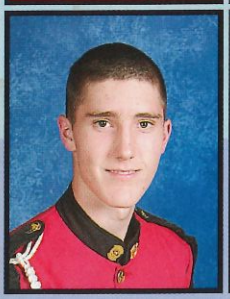

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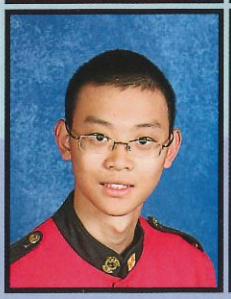

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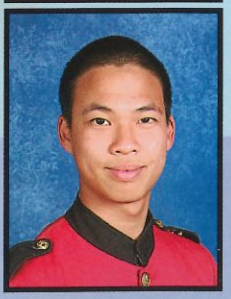


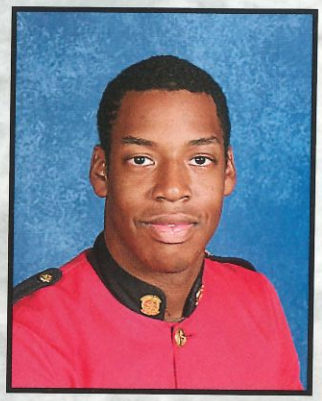
Andrew Wong

GRADE 12 GRADUATES

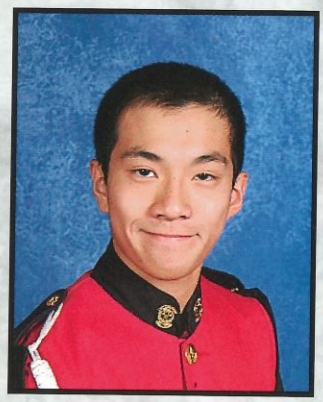
Jamal Al Amry

Jamal was awarded the Academy Service Pin and the Bronze Academic Award. He is on the Academy Honour Roll and is an Ontario Scholar. Jamal accepted a position at the University of Waterloo in the Mathematics/Financial Analysis and Risk Management Programme.

David Calder

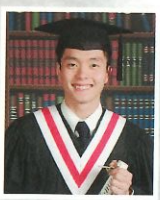


David was awarded the Academy Service Pin and the Bronze Citizenship Award. David accepted a position at the University of the West Indies to study Business.



Daniel Chan

Daniel was awarded the Academy Service Pin, Bronze Academic Award, Bronze Athletic Award, Bronze Citizenship Award, and the Fitness Pin. He is on the Academy Honour Roll and is an Ontario Scholar. Daniel accepted a position at York University to study Business Economics.



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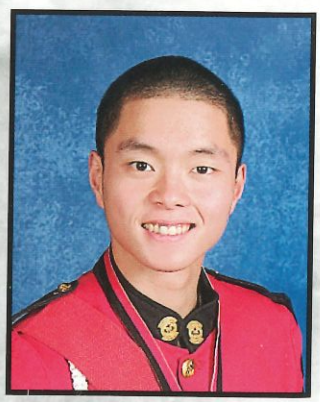

Marcus was awarded the Good Conduct Cord, the Academy Service Pin, Gold Academic Award, Silver Athletic Award, Bronze Citizenship Award, and the Fitness Pin. He is on the Academy Honour Roll and is an Ontario Scholar. He was the recipient of the MVP Basketball Award and the Martial Arts Award. Marcus accepted a position at Sir Wilfrid Laurier University in the Honours Business Administration Programme.

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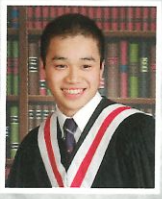

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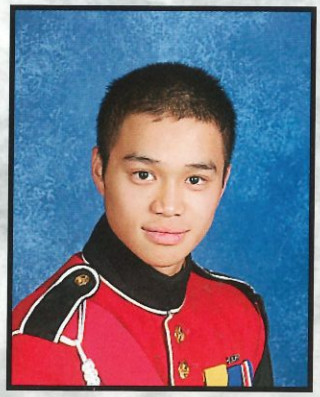
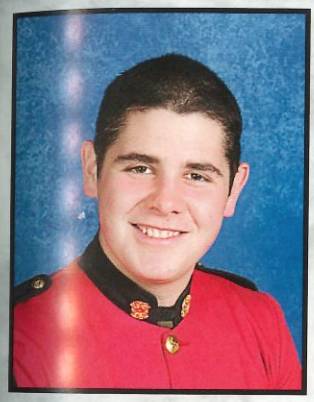
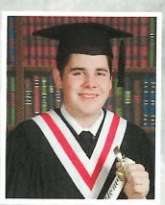


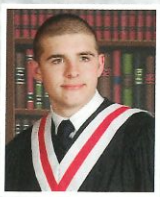
Roy was awarded the Academy Service Pin, Gold Academic Award, Gold Athletic Award, and the Fitness Pin. His is on the Academy Honour Roll and is an Ontario Scholar. Roy accepted a position at McMaster University in the Business Programme.





Daniel Cinq-Mars

Daniel was awarded the Good Conduct Cord, the Academy Service Pin, Silver Academic Award, Silver Citizenship Award, and the Shooting Club Marksmanship Pin. He was the recipient of the Robert Land Academy Community Service Award, and the Larry Davidson Memorial Award. Daniel accepted a position at Sir Sanford Flemming College in the Police Foundations Programme.



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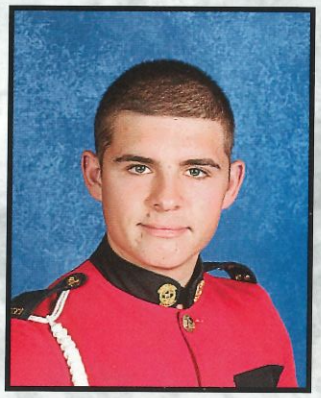
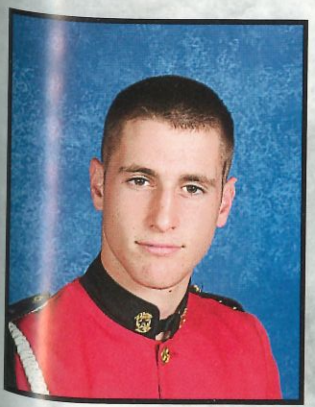
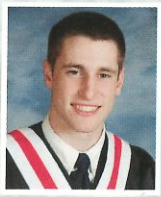


Christopher was awarded the Academy Service Pin, Bronze Athletic Award, Bronze Citizenship Award, and the Fitness Pin. Christopher accepted a position at Georgian College in the Police Foundations Programme.





Sean Connor

Sean was awarded the Academy Service Pin, Silver Academic Award, Bronze Athletic Award, Silver Citizenship Award, and the Fitness Pin. Sean accepted a position at Georgian College to study Mechanical Engineering Technology Automotive Product Design.

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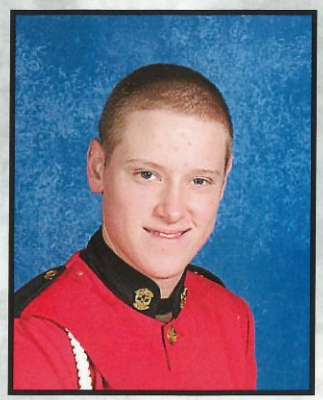
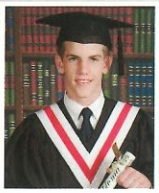


Dustin Epkenhaus

Dustin was awarded the Academy Service Pin, Silver Academic Award, Silver Citizenship Award, and the Fitness Pin. He was the recipient of the Senior Computer Science Book Prize. Dustin accepted a position at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology in the Information Technology Game Development and Entrepreneurship Programme.



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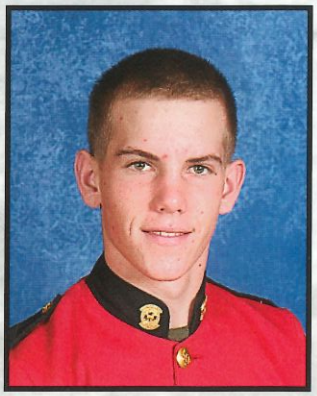
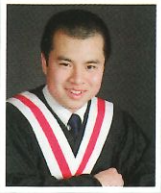
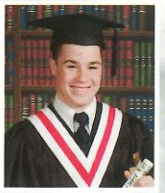


William was awarded the Academy Service Pin, Bronze Athletic Award, and the Fitness Pin. William accepted a position at the University of Manitoba to study Logistics.



Zexin (Jessin) Huang

Jessin was awarded the Academy Service Pin, Gold Academic Award, Silver Citizenship Award, and the Fitness Pin. He is on the Academy Honour Roll and is an Ontario Scholar. He was the recipient of the Euclid Medal from the University of Waterloo. Jessin accepted a position at the University of Waterloo in the Mathematics and English Language Studies Programme.



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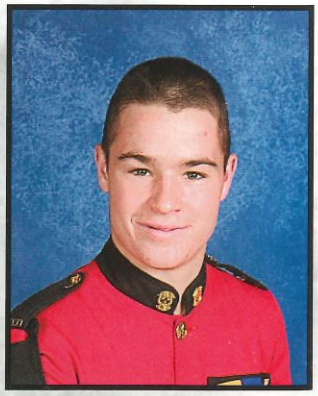

John was awarded the Academy Service Pin and the Bronze Athletic Award. He was the recipient of the Lieutenant Governor's Community Volunteer Award. John accepted a position at Georgian College in the Bachelor of Applied Business Automotive Management Programme.

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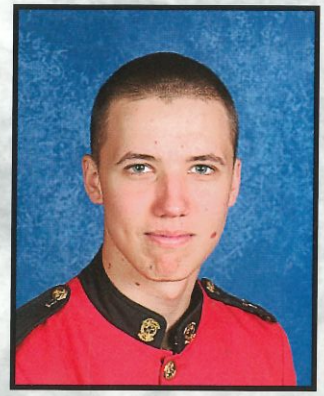
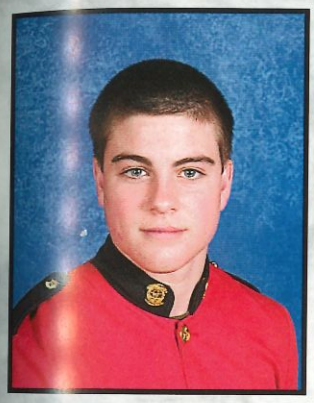
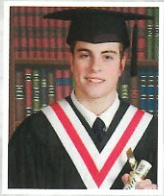
Uros Macevic



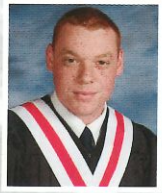
Uros earned Marks of Distinction. He completed his graduating semester in January and accepted a position at Ryerson University in the International Economics and Finance Programme.





Patrick McKinnon

Patrick was awarded the Academy Service Pin, Gold Academic Award, Silver Citizenship Award, and the Fitness Pin. He is on the Academy Honour Roll and is an Ontario Scholar. Patrick accepted a position at Sir Wilfrid Laurier University in the Honours Arts Psychology Programme.



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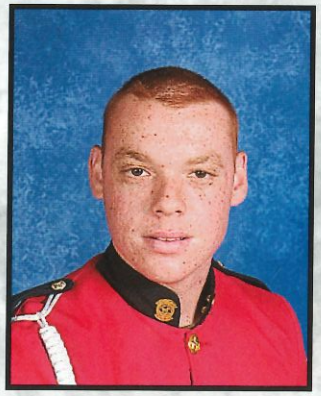
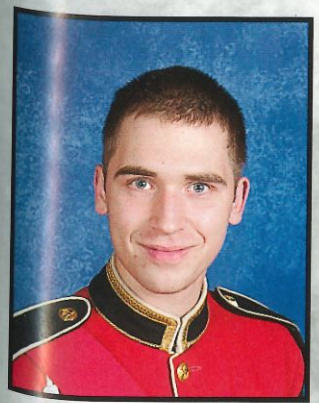


Roland was awarded the Academy Service Pin and the Bronze Citizenship Award. Rowland accepted a position at Sault College in the Marine Mechanic Programme.



Valentine Orlov

Valentine was awarded the Good Conduct Cord, Academy Service Pin, Gold Academic Award, and the Gold Citizenship Award. He is on the Academy Honour Roll and is an Ontario Scholar. He was the recipient of the Senior Mathematics Prize, the Senior English Book Prize, and the Paul Hunter Gold Citizenship Award. Valentine accepted a position at the University of Guelph in the Bachelor of Science (Biological Sciences) Programme.

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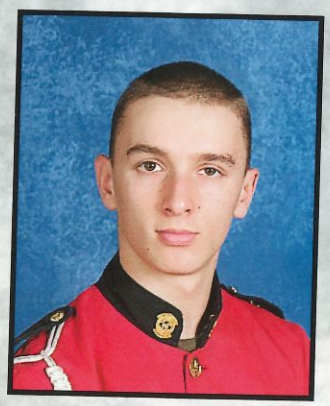
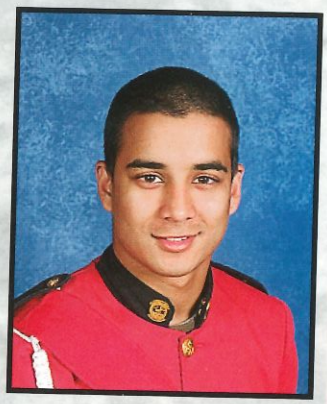


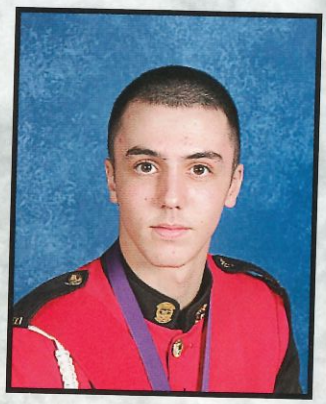
Joshua Parsons

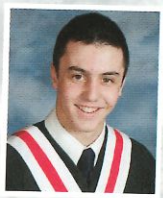
Joshua was awarded the Good Conduct Cord, the Academy Service Pin, and the Fitness Pin. Joshua accepted a position at Sheridan College in the Architectural Technician Programme.

Kyle Peters



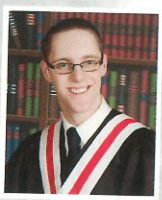
Kyle was awarded the Academy Service Pin, Bronze Athletic Award and the Fitness Pin. Kyle accepted a position at Fanshawe College in the Integrated Land Planning Technologies Programme.





Jonathan Pinkhasik

Jonathan was awarded the Good Conduct Cord, the Academy Service Pin, Gold Academic Award, Bronze Athletic Award, Silver Citizenship Award, and the Fitness Pin. He is on the Academy Honour Roll and is an Ontario Scholar. He was the recipient of Headmaster's Medal. Jonathan accepted a position at the University of British Columbia in the Bachelor of Science (Nutrition Science) programme.



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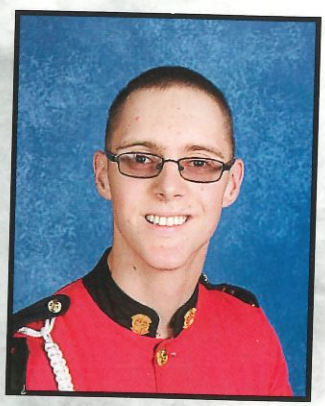

James was awarded the Good Conduct Cord, the Academy Service Pin, Silver Academic Award, and the Bronze Citizenship Award. He was the recipient of the Royal Bank Senior Business and Commerce Prize. James accepted a position at Simon Fraser University in the Bachelor of Arts (History) programme.

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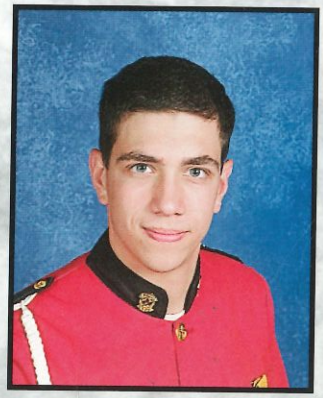
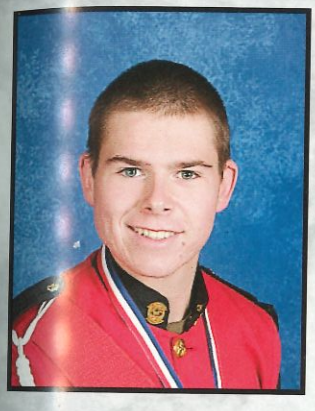
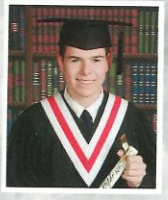


Patta (Peter) Tchotchoua

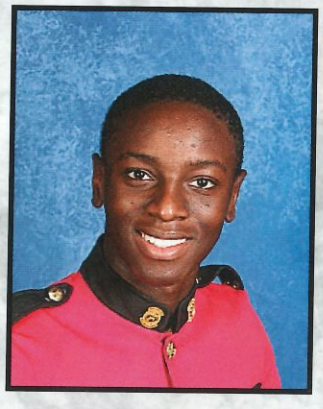
Peter was awarded the Academy Service Pin and the Bronze Academic Award. He is on the Academy Honour Roll and is an Ontario Scholar. He was the recipient of the Creative Writing Award / Bohdan Cirka. Peter accepted a position at McGill University in the Bachelor of Arts Freshman Programme.





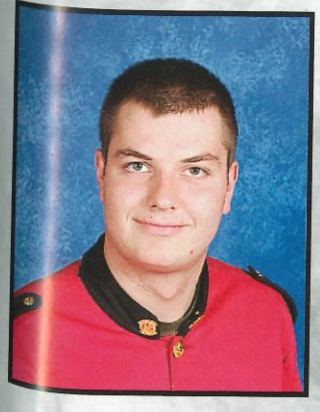
Bradley Toth

Bradley was awarded the Good Conduct Cord, Service Pin, Gold Academic Award, Silver Athletic Award, Silver Citizenship Award, and the Fitness Pin. He is on the Academy Honour Roll and is an Ontario Scholar. He was the recipient of the MVP Volleyball Award, the Governor General's Award, and the Robert Land Trophy. Bradley addressed the Graduation Parade as the Academy's Valedictorian. Bradley accepted a position at the University of Western Ontario in the Biological and Medical Science Programme.



Isaac Traore

Isaac was awarded the Academy Service Pin, Bronze Citizenship Award, and the Fitness Pin. He was the recipient of the Senior Visual Arts Prize. Isaac accepted a position at St. Mary University in the Commerce programme.



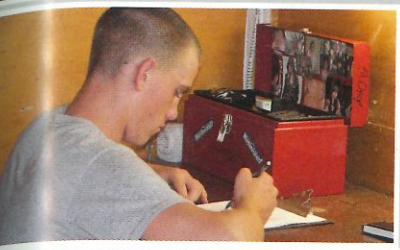
Tautrimas Zurba

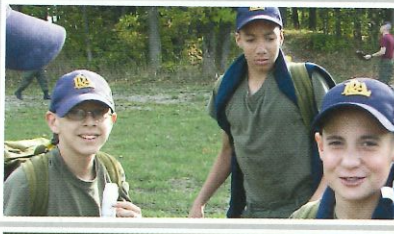
Tautrimas was awarded the Academy Service Pin and the Bronze Athletic Award. He earned Marks of Distinction. Tautrimas accepted a position at Sir Wilfrid Laurier University to study Management & Economics (Industry & Finance).

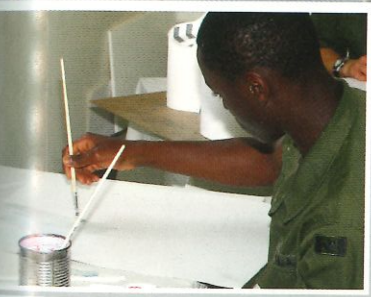
Robert Land Academy Grade 12 Graduates

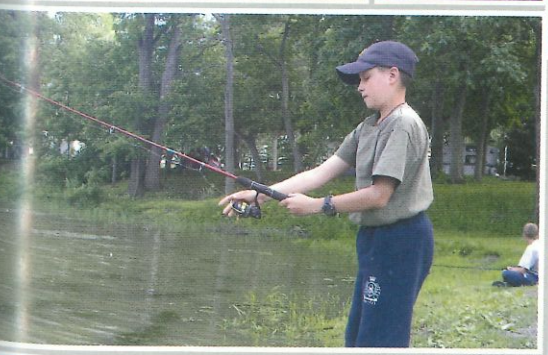
FRONT: Bradley Toth, Valentine Orlov, Jonathan Pinkhasik, Dustin Epkenhaus, LCol Bowman, Dr. Harley, Marcus Chang, Isaac Traore, Kaie Hei Chung, John Lynch, Daniel Cinq-Mars
BACK: Daniel Chan, Christopher Conceicao, Dave Calder, Rowland Moze, James Robertson, Tautrimas Zurba, Paata Tchotchoua, Sean Connor, Patrick McKinnon, Jamal Al Amry, Zexin Huang, Joshua Parsons, William Harris, Kyle Peters

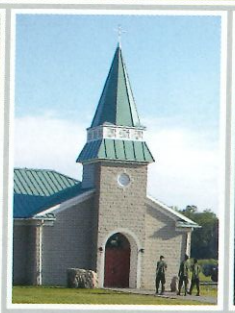
CLASS of 2008

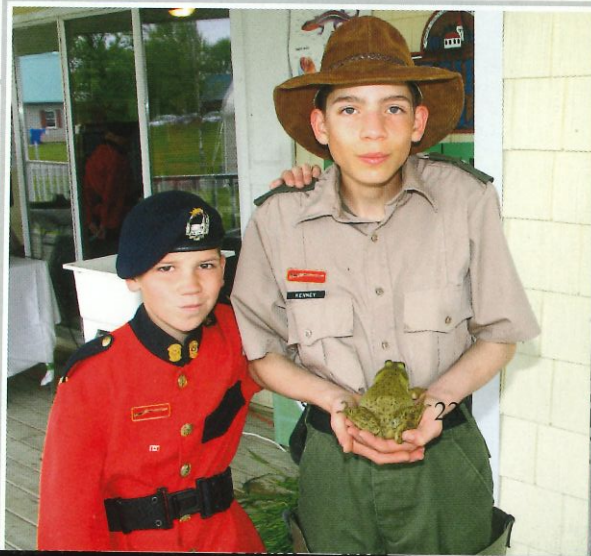




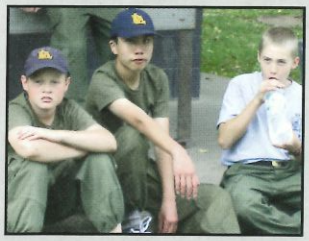


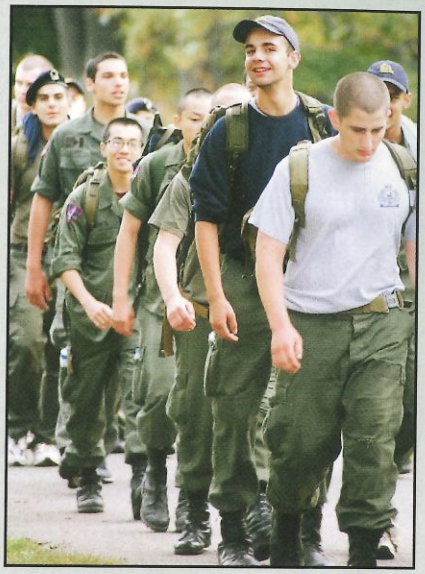


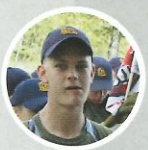



LCol FRASER EADIE
Commanding Officer
1st Canadian Parachute Battalion
IN HONOUR OF HIS LIFE AND CONTRIBUTION TO OUR COUNTRY AND OUR ACADEMY
LCol Eadie served as a Governor of Robert Land Academy during the years 1983-1989, many of these as Chairman. His Stewardship, Leadership, and Friendship remain an example for us all.
DEDICATED, October 5th, 2005

FALL EXERCISE







From October 1 to 3, 2007 the Academy participated in its annual three day Fall Exercise. Covering over 90 kilometers in three days, cadets and faculty marched and camped along sections of the Bruce Trail, weaving their way accross the Niagara Peninsula. On the final day, the Academy succeeded in making it to Brock's Monument at Queenston Heights for the first badging parade of the year where deserving recruits where promoted to the rank of cadet.

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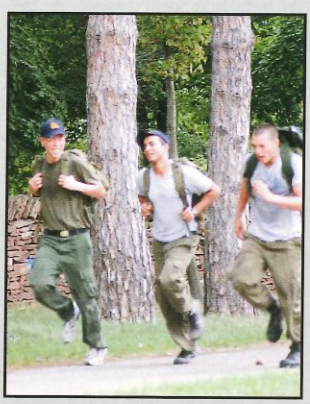

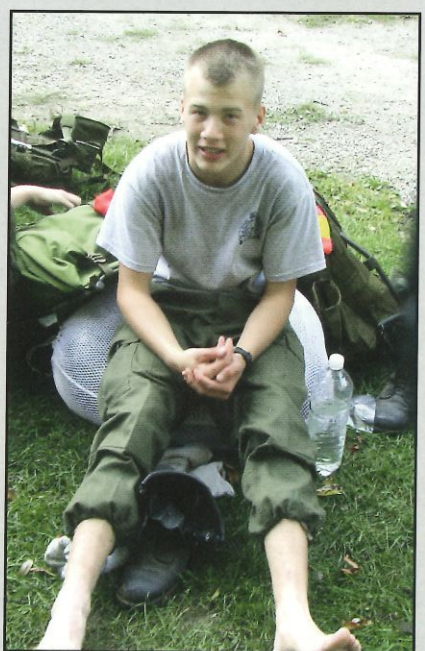

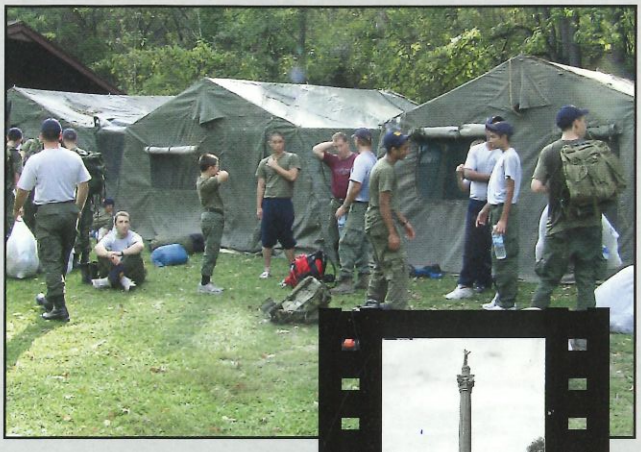

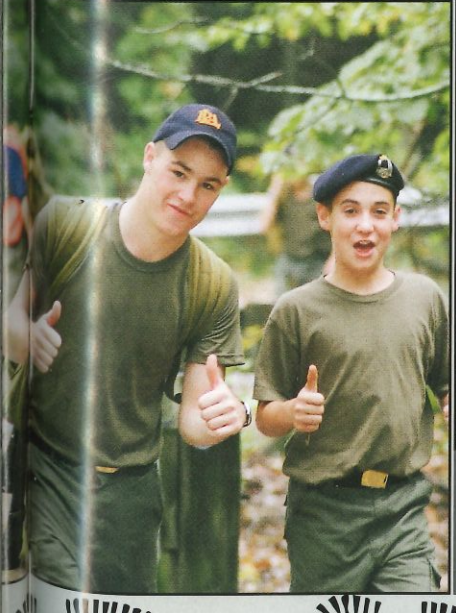

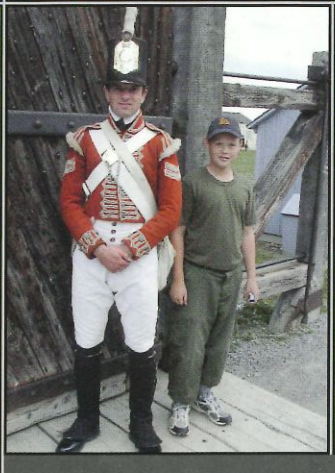

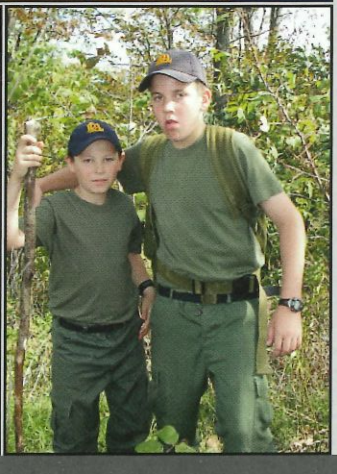

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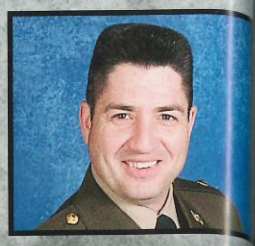

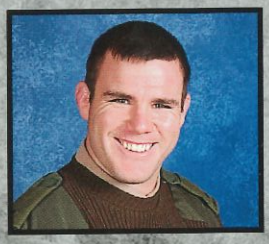

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AWARDS

JOHN HAY TO LIFE AWARD
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ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION DUNNVILLE BRANCH
142 BURSARY / RCAC SERVICEAWARD
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ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR INTERMEDIATE CREATIVE WRITING
Bar Tyler Smith

PAUL HUNTER GOLD CITIZENSHIP AWARD
Sgt Michael Dallas-Peterson
Sgt Valentine Orlov

LARRY DAVIDSON MEMORIAL AWARD
MCpl Daniel Cinq-Mars

CANADIAN FORESTERS AWARD
DBar Aaron Chan

ATHLETE OF THE YEAR AWARD
MCpl Jamie Rutherford

BILLY BISHIOP AWARD
Bar Aaron Veenstra

HONOUR ROLL

Marks 80% and Above

Jamal Al Amry
Eric Bablitz
Victor (Alex) Briell
Justin Cescolini
Aaron Chan
Yee Hoi (Daniel) Chan
Marcus Chang
Stanley Chiu
Kai Hei (Roy) Chung
Connor Gaspar
Stephen Halsey
Zexin (Jessin) Huang
Adrian Ibarguen
Mark Ironmonger
Zachary Krzewski
Fintan Leonard
Thomas Longay
Patrick McKinnon
Andrew Michael
Valentine Orlov
Jonathan Pinkhasik
Tyler Smith
Patta (Peter) Tchotchuoa
Bradley Toth
Alex Wong
Brandon Wong
Justin Wysocki
Zhe Chuan (Joshua) Zhang

MARKS OF DISTINCTION

Marks 75% - 79%

Jeremiah Banelis
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Scott Budreau
Wing (Henry) Chan
Jordan Corner
Aaron Ens
Samuel Foran
Devon Gale
Daniel Hann
Matthew Hannaford
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Uros Macevic
Lane McCharles
Jordan Posocco
Michael Scola
Tsering Shrestha
Carson Smith
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Aaron Veenstra
Maximilien Victoria-Ptito
Wei Chuan (Andrew) Wong
Maxwell Wright
Tatrimas Zurba

Governor General's Award
WO Bradley Toth

Canadian Citizenship Award
LCpl Justin Wysocki

Robert Land Trophy
WO Bradley Toth

Headmaster's Medal
MCpl Jonathan Pinkhasik

JUNIOR ATHLETIC AWARD
LBar Nic Rowe

ROBERT LAND ACADEMY EXPLORERS AWARD
Bar Darren Kenney
Cadet Jonathan Wilson

JUNIOR ENGLISH CREATIVE WRITING AWARD
Bar Brandon Wong

JUNIOR ENGLISH LITERACY AWARD
Bar Shelby Goose

TIM RIGBY ESPRIT DE CORPS AWARD
LBar Martin Schady

MODEL CLUB AWARD
DBar James Rodger

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD
Bar Evan Jin

MARTIAL ARTS AWARD
Sgt Marcus Chang

BAND MASTER'S AWARD
Bar Cole Kaminski

CADENCE AWARD
Sgt Michael Dallas-Peterson

MUSKETRY AWARD
DBar Justin Gurley

CREATIVE WRITING AWARD / BOHDAN CIRKA
DBar Peter Tchotchoua

FRENCH BOOK PRIZE
DBar Joshua Zhang - junior
LCpl Justin Cescolini - intermediate

HISTORY BOOK PRIZE
DBar Alex Briell - intermediate
LCpl Zachary Krzewski - senior

SENIOR MATHEMATICS PRIZE
Sgt Valentine Orlov

EUCLID MEDAL
DBar Zexin Huang

VISUAL ARTS PRIZE
DBar Stephen Halsey - junior
Bar Matthew Hannaford - intermediate
Bar Isaac Traore - senior

CENTAURI ARTS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Bar Jordan Corner

ENGLISH BOOK PRIZE
Bar Tyler Smith - intermediate
Sgt Valentine Orlov - senior

SENIOR COMPUTER SCIENCE BOOK PRIZE
Sgt Michael Dallas-Peterson
Cpl Dustin Epkenhaus

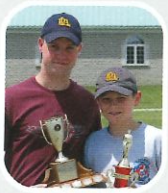
ROYAL BANK SENIOR BUSINESS AND COMMERCE PRIZE
DBar James Robertson

JAMES FITZGIBBON AWARD

Lance Corporal Justin Wysocki

ISAAC BROCK AWARD

Double Barman Adrian Ibarguen



COLIN SMAGATA CUP

Lance Corporal Justin Wysocki

SEARGEANT'S MAJOR AWARD

Barman Andy Zhang

ROBERT LAND ACADEMY COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Master Corporal Daniel Cinq-Mars

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER AWARD

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PRINCIPAL'S AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Sergeant Michael Dallas-Peterson

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